

Abstract:

The invention relates to a method and a device for manipulating samples, in particular tissue samples, with at least one needle (3) for punching samples from preparations (5), in particular prepared tissue specimen, at defined positions and a control device (13) to control the needle (3). The aim of the invention is to provide a method and a device, which allow a simple selection of desired punch positions on the preparation (5) and enable a rapid, simple and automatic manipulation of samples. To achieve this, the device is equipped with a camera (14) to take images of the surface of the tissue specimen (5), furthermore a device for superimposing the images captured of the preparations (5) with digital, microscopic images of sections of these preparations (5) that have been archived in a storage device (11), furthermore a monitor (12) to display the superimposed images and furthermore a device provided to place markings for the determination of the defined sample-punching positions, which is connected with the control device (13).